GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RESUMPTION OF INDO-PAK TALKS
SANAT KUMAR MANDAL

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether back channel diplomacy is being tried for starting Indo-Pak dialogue;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether the Government have put some conditions in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the possibility of resumption of dialogue between India and Pakistan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Do not arise.

(c) to (e) Government position on the issue of a resumption of dialogue with Pakistan has been reiterated on several occasions. Pakistan must end its sponsorship of cross border terrorism in India so as to create appropriate conditions for the resumption of a meaningful dialogue which can contribute to establishing peaceful and cooperative ties between the two countries.